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**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor:  
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Title: Mechanism and Apparatus  
for Accessing and  
Addressing Services in a  
Distributed Computing  
Environment

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER OF  
MAY 30, 2006**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer of May 30, 2006. Pursuant to CFR 41.39(b)(1), Applicants request that prosecution of the present application be reopened.

Please amend the case as listed below.